

# HUGE DEVELOPMENT READY FOR TENANTS

**First of 12,200 Families Moves  
Today Into \$50,000,000  
Project in Bronx**

**FOUR UNITS COMPLETED**

**550 Apartments Will Be  
Occupied by March 1—Vans  
to Keep to Schedule**

The first of the 12,200 families who eventually will occupy Parkchester, the \$50,000,000 Metropolitan Life Insurance Company housing development on the site of the old Catholic Protectory in the East Bronx, will begin today to move into the four completed units of the apartment community, the company announced yesterday.

Starting with a few tenants, the

incoming stream will increase gradually. Next Tuesday 140 families will converge upon the new community and by March 1 550 tenants will be in residence. Furniture is being shipped from Florida in several instances and consignments are coming also from New Orleans and from Tennessee.

The movement of incoming furniture vans will be regulated according to a plan drawn up in the renting offices at 2,021 Westchester Avenue, and each family will move in at an agreed hour on a designated day. There will be an information booth for the guidance of van drivers.

Among the tenants in the early group will be Mr. and Mrs. Albert Browne, who applied for admission before the signing of the law permitting insurance companies to invest up to 10 per cent of their assets in housing. They were the first to sign a lease for an apartment in the new development. Mr. Browne, who is 64 years old, is a safety engineer, now on sick leave.

Many of the new tenants are couples of 25 to 35 years old, and three-room apartments are in greatest demand. The development was planned for middle-income groups, and the first tenants include an insurance adjuster, a patrolman, a young lawyer, a Wall Street bank clerk, a public school teacher, a

knitting mills official, a postal clerk and a salesman. Frank C. Lowe, resident manager, will greet the tenants.

The four completed buildings now being occupied are in the south quadrant, one of Parkchester's four main sections. They face on one side the park recreational oval around which this quadrant is centered, and on the other McGraw Avenue and Unionport Road. Eight other apartment buildings in this quadrant are nearly ready, and eleven buildings in the east quadrant are well advanced.

With twenty-eight apartment buildings in the two other quadrants in various stages of construction, Parkchester is 50 to 60 per cent completed. The central heating plant is functioning, a 2,000-seat theatre is under construction, and five ramp garages also are being built.

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